

Ken Swanson  
Museum Quarterly Report  
January to March 2005

## **OVERVIEW**

The Museum staff has been very busy this quarter with the planning, and building of the Lewis and Clark exhibit. The exhibit's main attraction will be original botanical specimens that the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Science has loaned us. The exhibit will be ready on the evening of May 6 for the Dignitaries reception and the grand opening to the public will commence the following day. A lot of hard work has been going on to create what we know will be a very successful add-on to the Museum. Museum staff has also been busy writing several grants to improve Pioneer Village and to continue with numerous LC projects in the works. In the lobby, the completion of the exhibit with Lewis & Clark and Twisted Hair and Seaman can be viewed by the public. In the first part of March, we hosted a show of original Norman Rockwell paintings with the Boy Scouts of America. This show brought easily over 2000 visitors. Also, we hosted a Hina Matsuri on March 5th in honor of the Japanese Friendship Doll exchange. This topped 350 visitors for one afternoon. These events that we hosted are just a few examples of why we need an addition to the Museum.

### **Donations**

Twelve donations were given to the Museum this quarter. The Estate of Robert Bohrer finally made it official and donated the 1928 Essex Coupe (currently exhibited at the Transportation Exhibit at the Old Pen) to the Society.

### **Part-time staff**

The Museum is fortunate to add two more motivated team players on our staff. The Museum hired Jason Gray a former BSU intern to help with collection back-log. Not only has Jason been busy with the collections but he has also helped a great deal with L&C exhibit planning and construction. Ryan Davis has been hired to help with the construction of the L&C exhibit and is doing a tremendous amount of work putting the exhibit together

### **Exhibits and traveling trunks**

The "On the Road with Lewis & Clark" grant will continue through 2005. The trunks and exhibits have had a busy schedule and it will continue through the summer months. The trunks that were originally at the Lewiston's Art and History center have since moved to the National Park Center in Spalding, where we hope they will be utilized more by local educational centers and school groups.

### **Brown Bag Lectures**

The 2004-2005 brown bag lectures are almost over for the year and each lecture has had a full house. The last Brown Bag lecture will be May 10 and we expect another sold out performance.

## **TRAVEL**

### **In State:**

February 4	Ken Swanson at Eagle High School on WWII
February 14	Kurt Zwolfer at Riverstone school
February 10	Ken Swanson, Riverstone School, Civil War

### **Out of State:**

February 23-27	Ken Swanson in D.C. for AAM
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### **Events this quarter**

January 11	Brown Bag-What's in a Folk song?
January 13	Food Producers of Idaho
January 27	Legislative evening
February 1-3	COMPASS-Terry Schorzman
February 8	Brown Bag-Dugout Canoe use on the Columbia Plateau
February 18	BSU* BAM-Arthur Danto Lecture
March 1-3	Boy Scouts National Endowment tour – Norman Rockwell painting
March 5	Japanese Doll festival-all day
March 8	Brown Bag-Mary Hallock Foote's Idaho
March 18	Sheet Metal workers-Dinner
March 19	Civil War Group-PV
March 31	COMPASS-Terry Schorzman

## **EDUCATION PROGRAM**

### **Personnel**

Intern-Olivia Fink (History Day)

*Museum Programs*-January through the end of March, 43 education groups visited the museum (7 of them self-guided) with approximately 1,754 students. We also visited 15 schools reaching another 1,177 students.

*History Day*-The History Day regional contests are over for the year and attendance was slightly up. The State contest is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>. The first meeting of the History Day Board is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>.

*Spring Break Camp*-The spring break camp planned with the Boise Art Museum had fewer students sign-up than anticipated. Instead of canceling the camp, the two museums rearranged the schedule and held the camp on a lesser scale.

*IMA Meeting*-I attended the IAM meeting in Twin Falls and moderated a session on innovative ideas for museum education.

*Misc*-Planning is under way for two future teacher's workshop, a summer Lewis and Clark kid's camp, and our Teacher's Night Out outreach program.

### **SITES PROGRAM:**

*Old Pen Visitation:*

This quarter 2,757 people visited the Old Idaho Penitentiary.

*Education:*

Sixteen educational groups with a total of 681 students and chaperones visited the Old Idaho Penitentiary this quarter.

*Interpretation:*

This quarter 41 guided walks were offered and 206 visitors participated in these walks.

*Staff:*

Weekend staff members Jan Carr and Abbie Chandler resigned their positions. Amber Beierle was hired to replace them.

*Volunteers:*

This quarter sixteen volunteers donated 495.5 hours of their time to the Old Idaho Penitentiary.

*Media:*

The Old Penitentiary was featured in an online article by Rose Reifsnyder on the website [tripsandjourneys.com](http://tripsandjourneys.com).

*Rock Creek Station:*

Drawing for new interpretive center have been completed and approved. The contracting and responsibilities for construction has been given to DPW. DPW will fund the project and then be reimbursed by ITD from federal funds.

A Professional Service Agreement has been approved between ITD and The Arrowrock Group to perform the research and design of the exhibits that will go into the interpretive center. We are awaiting the final approval and obligation of funds by the Federal Highway Administration before we can begin contracting and construction for the building.

We are arranging for a site clean-up at Rock Creek and hope that while there we can also remove and realign the barb wire fencing that runs along the creek and the south side of our property. The fencing was installed by the Friends a number of years ago but it doesn't correctly align with our property line.

Milan attended the Rock Creek Water District meeting in Twin Fall on the 7 of March. All who attended are concerned with the shortage of water this year and when Rock Creek will run dry.

It appears that our water right for Rock Creek irrigation water will finally be adjudicated later this fall. It is a part of the overall Snake River Adjudication process.

*Franklin Site:*

The furnace and ducting has been installed in the Bishop Hatch House. We are now waiting for Queststar Gas Company to install the gas line to the house. We will than be able to proceed with the installing of the remaining flooring and walls.

Appropriate windows and doors need to be constructed and installed in the John Doney House. Currently there is plywood covering some of the openings and what windows that exist are not the correct size for the openings.

Appropriate rain gutters need to be installed on the ZCMI building. The rain is running off the roof and wicking up into the building walls. We're experiencing severe water damage to the walls with plaster falling off the interior surfaces.

**Other Stuff:**

Milan met with the Mayor of Albion and the Albion Historical Society. They requested information about the restoration of the old County Courthouse and the possibility of qualifying for a TEA-21 project.

Milan also conducted a masonry restoration workshop for the Gem County Historical Society and the Downtown Emmett CORE Group. They had particular interest in restoration of downtown Emmett's historic brick buildings.

**Old Idaho Penitentiary Historic Site**

## Quarterly Report on Admissions

Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2005

## THIRD QUARTER FY2005

<u>Month</u>	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Admissions</u>
Jan-05	308	\$1,363.50
Feb-05	589	\$2,822.50
<u>Mar-05</u>	<u>1860</u>	<u>\$6,902.50</u>
TOTALS	2,757	\$11,088.50

## THIRD QUARTER FY2004

<u>Month</u>	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Admissions</u>
Jan-04	343	\$1,543.00
Feb-04	691	\$2,315.00
<u>Mar-04</u>	<u>1,627</u>	<u>\$6,277.00</u>
TOTALS	2,661	\$10,135.00

## QUARTER DIFFERENCES

	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Admissions</u>
ttl. this period	2,757	\$11,088.50
<u>ttl. past period</u>	<u>2,661</u>	<u>\$10,135.00</u>
	96	\$953.50

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